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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed on 06/01/09 have been considered but are not persuasive.
2. Regarding applicant's arguments directed towards the purported lack of operability of the Ford reference's door skin. The facts that the skin can be placed on a door renders it operable as a door skin. Applicant's allegation that the formula of Ford is "unacceptably wavy" is lacking in objective evidence and is referring to a quality which is not claimed (i.e. the claims do not recite that the door have a specific degree of waviness).
3. Regarding applicant's arguments against the size of the door of Bradley, the size of Bradley et al's door does not preclude the ribs from reducing the warping and providing structural support.
4. Regarding applicant's arguments against the combination of the Sasaki et al. reference, applicant argues that Sasaki et al. is merely disclosed as an "impact absorbent backing" however, at C10, L40-65, the use with a door panel is specifically disclosed. Moreover, the examiner maintains that high impact resistance would be beneficial to door skins. Applicant's allegation that the door panel would be too porous is not found to contradict any claimed limitations (i.e. it is not claimed that the door skin be non-porous). Applicant argues against the routine adjustment of the properties of claims 18-21 on the basis that there is not showing as to how the properties would be adjusted. All of the properties would be controlled by adjusting the relative amounts of components in the overall composition. The components are described in the prior art and their effects on

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the properties are obvious to one having ordinary skill. The reinforcing glass fibers of Ford are known to affect stiffness, impact strength and toughness and the inorganic filler of Watterson et al. provides reduced shrinkage. Applicant then argues that there are “unexpectedly superior ranges” of the various properties however the examiner notes that no evidence is provided to corroborate these claims.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MICHAEL B. NELSON whose telephone number is (571) 270-3877. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 6AM-4:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner’s supervisor, David Sample can be reached on (571) 272-1376. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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